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Sandy City is asking residents to exercise extreme caution during these dry stages so that the life and safety of everyone in the city may be upheld.

Sandy City is not immune to the extreme fire hazards plaguing many communities right now in the form of a wildfire. Conditions are right for even the smallest opportunity of a fire, no matter the cause, to spread quickly through the dry conditions that exist throughout our city. The city council took action in February of 2011 noting these dry conditions as a catalyst to create fire restriction zones within the city in order to protect areas where the greatest risk of fire exists.

Using the state code, the Sandy City Council was able to adopt a new fire restriction ordinance in February of 2011 that prohibits the use of open flames, fireworks and smoking in hazardous areas of the city. The restricted areas are located in Sandy where the greatest risk of fire exists, due to exposure to wild land conditions including mountain terrain and dry brush. These areas also include all city parks. Fire personnel hope to reduce the exposure to fires that cause catastrophic damage to life, property, wildlife and our beautiful city. A map of the areas affected by the ordinance is available online at www.sandy.utah.gov/fireworks.

With the most recent changes in the state law, the Sandy Fire Department would also like to remind residents about changes in the selling and lighting of fireworks during the holidays.

Fireworks are allowed to be sold from June 23 through July 27.

Time frame for **discharge**:

July 4 - Three days before, day of and three days after, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. except for day of holiday until midnight (July 1-July 7)

July 24 - Three days before, day of and three days after, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. except for day of holiday until midnight (July 21-July 27)

New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) - from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. New Years Day (Jan. 1)

Chinese New Year Eve (Feb. 9) from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. Chinese New Year Day (Feb. 10)

Illegal fireworks include:

- Firecrackers
- M-80s
- Cherry bombs
- Bottle-rockets
- Roman candles
- Single or reloadable mortars
- Ground salutes

Any other explosive obtained outside of Utah borders.

Sandy will be citing individuals who are lighting illegal fireworks or discharging within a restricted area in Sandy. The minimum fine is \$500. If you have any questions regarding the use of fireworks or the boundaries of the new ordinance, please contact the Sandy Fire Department at 801-568-2930. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to a safe and fun holiday.